

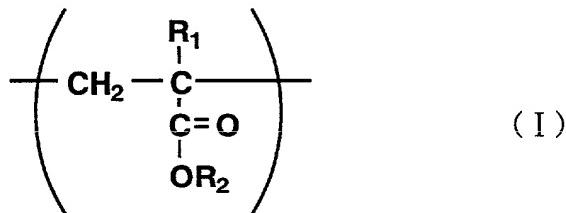
What is claimed is:

1. A process for producing a poly(meth)acrylate having a reduced metal content which comprises contacting a mixture of a poly(meth)acrylate and an organic solvent with an acidic

5 aqueous solution.

2. The process according to Claim 1, wherein the poly(meth)acrylates has a weight average molecular weight of about 1,000 to 100,000.

3. The process according to Claim 1, wherein the poly(meth)acrylates is a resin having a repeating unit represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents hydrogen or an alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and R<sub>2</sub> represents an organic group.

4. The process according to Claim 3, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents hydrogen and methyl.

5. The process according to Claim 3, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents alkyls which may be straight-chained or branched and may have a substituent selected from hydroxyl, alkoxy, acyl and acyloxy, and cyclic alkyls which may have a substituent selected from hydroxyl, alkoxy, acyl and acyloxy.

6. The process according to Claim 1, wherein the acidic aqueous solution is an aqueous solution obtained by

dissolving a polyprotic carboxylic acid having about 2 to 12 carbon atoms in water.

7. The process according to Claim 6, wherein the polyprotic carboxylic acid is selected from oxalic acid, succinic acid,  
5 fumaric acid, maleic acid, malonic acid and adipic acid.

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